

Change of heart

AFTER a number of unsuccessful attempts a couple of years ago I finally managed to make it to the top platform of the Eiffel Tower and from there was able to survey the vast expanse of low-rise Paris.

There was, however, one jarring distraction and that was two high-rise buildings visible in the middle distance. My guide explained this anomaly as the result of the brief dominance of a pro-development group which for a time had controlled the planning activities of the city, but had been quickly unseated.

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